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Rann-dom Reels

By HOWARD L. RANN

THE FALL SKIRT

THIS fall skirt is a neat garment which looks a good deal like the spring skirt, but costs more, owing to the European war, which has caused a great scarcity of everything except campaign blouses.

The fall skirt was gotten up last February in the heart of Paris, France, and sent over here to be sold to women who do not care to look like any of their neighbors. To the dull and unpractical eye of man it is hard to tell a new fall skirt of the 1917 model from the one his wife wore twice in the early spring and discarded after it was three-quarters of an inch too long to be strictly au fait. There is nothing more depressing than a new skirt which is only 75 per cent on a fall and folds curiously about the ankles, instead of tilting back rakishly and blinding the innocent bystander in both eyes.

Great care has been taken, according to the fashion periodicals, to make the fall skirt so long that it can be



Discarded After Making the Thrilling Discovery That It Was Three-Quarters of an Inch Too Long to Be Strictly au Fait.

worn to church with perfect propriety. By actual measurement it will reach to the top of a 12-inch heel, which will prevent anybody from tripping on it. In fact, it is estimated that it is going to be harder to trip over the new fall skirts than it is to escape the strident voice of the café piano player.

The fall skirt will be made of anything that costs more than it did last winter, but will not be guaranteed against defects of workmanship or material. Stripes will not be worn a great deal by women who would look better in some solid, neutral tint like black taffeta. The nervous, high-voiced Scotch plaid will also be favored by wives whose husbands have learned to suffer in silence.

Owing to the increasing hardship

Last Night's Dreams

—What They Mean

DID YOU DREAM OF FIRE?

IN REGARD to dreams about fire the mystery is not entirely agreed. They all seem to agree that simply to dream of a fire is a favorable omen, but some of them attach unfavorable meanings to different circumstances which may arise in connection with the dream fire. Many of them predict that if you dream of a conflagration in which your house or your place of business is burned down, you will have many business troubles, but will come through them all right. Others say that if you see a fire in a favorable omen, the burning houses have fallen down. It is a most favorable omen and not so good a one if the houses still stand. The consensus of opinion is that to see any fire and not get burned by it denotes health, fortune and happiness.

To burn yourself in your dreams is not a favorable premonition, but to dream that you touch the fire and are

MOTHER'S COOK BOOK

by Nellie Maxwell

The art of cooking has not been learned out of a book any more than the art of swimming or the art of painting. The best teacher is practice, the best guide is sentiment—Louis XV.

What to Eat.

For a change in serving potatoes try:

Sautéed Potato Balls.
Cut balls from potatoes with a French cutter. Cook ten minutes in boiling water, slightly salted. Drain, put into an omelet pan with a tablespoonful of butter, a sprinkling of paprika, cover and place on the back of the range and cook until delicately browned. Shake the pan occasionally, so that the balls will brown evenly. Use the left-over pieces for mashed potatoes.

Pineapple Filling for Cake.
Any cake recipe may be used with this filling, or a sponge cake.

HE PAID THE FREIGHT.
Mr. Simpson: The better to give than receive.
Mr. Simpson: You can say that all right because you don't receive the bills, I do.

Asbestos.
The earliest use of asbestos was for spinning and weaving, to make incombustible thread and yarn, rope and cloth. This use continued to be the most important use of asbestos until the days of the Greeks and Romans. Asbestos was used for this purpose, according to J. S. Diller of the United States geological survey, department of the interior. "There can now be seen to the fact that it will run about 35,000 feet to the pound."

Just Folks

By EDGAR A. GUEST

EVERYWHERE IN AMERICA.

Not somewhere in America, but everywhere today, where snow-crowned mountains hold their play, the valleys where children play. Beside the bench and whirling lathe, on every lake and stream, and once again, as one man stands to break their brother's chains, the dream our brave forefathers had of freedom and right.

Not somewhere in America is love of country found, but east and west and north and south once more the bugles sound. And once again, as one man stands to break their brother's chains, the dream our brave forefathers had of freedom and right.

The patriot that is here, is echoed over there.

The hero at a certain post is on guard everywhere.

O'er humble home and mansion rich the stately banner flies.

And far and near throughout the land the men of valor rise.

The flag that flutters o'er your home is fluttering far away.

O'er homes that you have never seen. The same impulses sway.

The souls of men in distant states, The red, the white and blue Means to one hundred million strong.

Just what I mean to you, The self-same courage resolute you feel and understand.

Is throbbing in the breasts of men throughout this mighty land.

Not somewhere in America, but everywhere today.

For justice and for liberty all free men work and pray.

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SCHOOL DAYS



Oh, daddy, just look at that! I don't see anything. Why Dick? I don't see anything. Oh, simply shake the very ground right out of you! Monkey! Skinned rabbit! Imp!—Reeled on!

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not burned, a most favorable omen. Most authorities agree that while to dream of fire is a promise of good luck, it also means that you are likely to have a quarrel with a friend, though some decide that you must see the fire start suddenly to be sure of a quarrel, and all agree that the dispute will be over a fire. If you extinguish the fire, a surprise is in store for you. To see a sparkling fire on a hearth or in a stove, denotes plenty of money. If a woman builds a fire without any trouble, she will be happy and have many children.

handless. Serve chilled, with any desired dressing.

Southern Steak.
Roll beef or veal in seasoned flour and fry in a little butter until brown, cover with milk and bake until the milk is absorbed. Cook the pan while baking.

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MILITANT MARY.
Just when you're gloating over what a sport you are, all-TOLD Some Auntie visits you and makes you feel JUST EIGHT YEARS OLD!

Tomato and Pepper Salad.
Scald the tomatoes, peel and cut in halves. Place on a lettuce leaf cut up. Scoop out some of the pulp and place four or five asparagus tips in the center of each tomato. Cut rings from peppers and adjust for

Nothing for It To Do.
Physician: Here is a list of things which a patient who is looking for a doctor, I don't see as I'll need my stethoscope any more.

TUBERCULOSIS IS SERIOUS MENACE

Ran Its Course Through Illinois Herd of Dairy Cattle With Great Rapidity.

ANIMALS REACTED TO TEST

Danger of Disease to Cattle and Swine Demonstrated by Sale of Farm Early in Year—Test Is Urged.

The extent to which bovine tuberculosis, if uncontrolled, runs its course through a herd of cattle is shown in a recent report received by the United States department of agriculture from one of its field inspectors in Illinois. Every animal in a herd of grade Holsteins and Jerseys reacted to the tuberculin test. The herd consisted of 14 cows, two calves and two bulls. Upon post-mortem examination six of



Good Pasture Is One of the Best as Well as One of the Most Economical Cows Feeds.

the animals showed such extensive lesions that the entire carcass was condemned and destroyed. All of the other reactors likewise showed lesions, though not of such an extensive nature as to necessitate destruction of the carcass. The fact that every animal in the herd reacted and showed lesions makes the case one of the most striking ever recorded.

Swine Owners Cautious.
The danger of tuberculosis to swine was further demonstrated by the sale of hogs from this farm early in the year. The first lot of 21 hogs sold showed such extensive lesions of tuberculosis upon post-mortem that the packing company refused to accept the carcasses. The hogs were subsequently sold to a local shipper and their identity and destination are not known. If the swine are still alive they are undoubtedly a menace to other stock. The bureau of animal industry cautions swine owners against purchasing stock from farms where other tuberculous cattle or swine are kept.

Chronic Cougher Died.
The chronic cougher and reported that a week after the shipment of hogs had been made, a milk cow—a black and white—died. It was a young cow, and was allowed to devour the carcass. Such a practice is responsible for a great deal of tuberculosis among swine in the United States. According to bureau officials, the fact stated should cause every live hog farmer who finds tuberculosis among his hogs or whose shipments of hogs are refused because of extensive lesions of tuberculosis to take his herd of cattle tested promptly. Unless the origin of infection is known and removed, tuberculosis is liable to run its course among all the cattle and swine on the farm.

TESTING SOILS FOR ACIDITY
Valuable Information May Be Secured by Insertion of Blue and Red Litmus Paper.

One of the common methods of testing soil for acidity is to get from a dug soil a few pieces, each of blue and red litmus paper. A spade is inserted into the soil to be tested while your soil is reasonably moist. When the spade is withdrawn the color of the litmus paper of each color is noted. The litmus paper of each color is soaked into the opening made by the spade, and the soil is pressed firmly against the litmus paper which is allowed to remain a minute or so, or until the paper is acted on by the soil moisture. If the blue litmus paper turns red the soil is acid. If the red litmus paper turns blue the soil is alkaline. If the blue litmus paper is not acted on by the soil it is neutral. If you wish to get the degree of acidity you have best get a test made by a chemist.

ELIMINATE UNTHRIFTY BIRDS
Stunted Chicks Will Never Pay for Feed and Care of Them Trying to Rear Them.

In any lot of chicks there will be found certain stunted or unthrifty individuals. Such birds will never pay for the feed and care used in trying to rear them. It is not only good sense but also good business judgment to cull these unthrifty chicks just as soon as they are discovered. There also will be found certain cockerels which exceed their fellows in the rapidity of growth and maturity. It is well to mark and save such cockerels which reach a good size to use as breeders.

OLD MILK CAN MADE USEFUL
Discarded Utensil Can Be Converted Into Excellent Rat Trap—Set in Likely Place.

An old milk can makes a good rat trap. Place a board, or a piece of old board, or other one half in the bottom, and set the can in a likely place. Once inside the can the rats will have a hard session to get out again.

Put Broilers on Ground.
If possible, locate the broilers on ground that has recently been cultivated, thereby eliminating the danger of tainted soil and possible disease.

Crowding Poultry.
Crowding is a mistake that is quite prevalent on farms. It is bad because it always makes good conditions bad and bad conditions worse.

Control Cern Barworm.
Fall plowing controls cern barworm.

Keep Cows Comfortable.
The cows should be comfortably housed at all times and in summer they should be protected from heat and flies.

Cabbage Worm Poles.
For cabbage worms: Mix one part of insect powder with four parts of ash and dust it on the plants.

Drain Wet Fields.
Train plowing controls cern barworm.

HAIRY PERUVIAN HAS SPECIAL ADVANTAGES

Should Not Be Confused With Smooth-Leaved Variety.

Is Rapid Grower, Recovers Quickly After Copping and Furnishes More Pasturage During Winter and in Fall and Spring.

Peruvian alfalfa has decided advantages over other varieties for those sections of the United States where it will grow, say forage experts of the United States department of agriculture. This should be taken as applying to the true or hairy Peruvian alfalfa and not to the so-called smooth-leaved Peruvian alfalfa. This latter name the specialists regard as unfortunate, as it leads to confusion in the seed trade and gives unscrupulous dealers an opportunity to make excessive profits on mixed seeds. The "smooth" Peruvian is hardly distinguishable from common alfalfa.

The principal advantages of Peruvian alfalfa as compared with common alfalfa are its rapid growth, quick recovery after cutting, and ability to grow in cold weather, thus furnishing more pasturage during the winter and in late fall and early spring.

The territory in which common alfalfa could be profitably replaced by Peruvian includes a comparatively narrow strip down the Pacific coast and along the Mexican border and the entire coast of the Gulf of Mexico to the vicinity of Charleston, S. C. It cannot be grown to advantage where the winter temperature falls below 10 degrees.

This alfalfa was first introduced into this country by the United States department of agriculture in 1860. The earliest introductions were not perpetuated, however, and it was not until 1914 that considerable efforts were made to produce a supply of the subject of the Peruvian alfalfa industry is discussed in detail in department of agriculture circular 93.

WAGON TAILBOARD IS HANDY
Adjustable Device Makes It Possible to Shovel From Full Load of Apples or Potatoes.

This tailboard makes it possible to shovel from a full load of potatoes or apples; it may also be used as a hopper to pour the load into a chute. The board is attached to the bottom of the wagon box with heavy strap hinges, put on with bolts. Heavy sheet iron is fitted to the outside of the tailboard, and is bent up at the sides to form wings, as shown. The sheet iron is fastened to the wood with self-tappers, the washers on the upper end of the rivets being sunk into the wood to leave a smooth surface for shoveling. The tailboard should be reinforced with wooden

POISON WILL KILL WEEVILS
Carbon Bisulphide Placed in Tightly Covered Tub or Other Vessel Is Quite Effective.

Weevils can be killed in beans and peas by the use of carbon bisulphide. To treat these put them in a jar, tub or other vessel which can be covered tightly. Put into a glass about one teaspoonful of carbon bisulphide for each ten gallons of space in the enclosure and place the glass in the beans. Allow them to remain in the fumes of the carbon bisulphide over night. Then take them out and place in dry storage quarters. Do not take lamps or lighted matches near the material, and do not breathe the fumes.

KEEPING SCUM FROM TANKS
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TIMBER RAISING IN EASTERN UNITED STATES PAYS
BECAUSE—

1. There is plenty of cheap land unfit for agriculture.
2. The abundant rainfall permits rapid tree growth.
3. Transportation facilities by rail and water are good.
4. Numerous large cities furnish an adequate market.
5. The region is far removed from the virgin supplies of the Pacific Northwest.

Most Economical Food.
It has been demonstrated that the cow can produce food for human beings more economical than the steer, sheep or pig, and that no substitute can meet the requirements of her products.

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Adrift with Humor

MYSTERIES OF UNREST.

"I wonder why the people in this establishment take so little pains to be agreeable to me," said the old customer. "I have been trading here for years."

"Maybe that's the reason," replied the unfeeling one. "Our horses aren't so very popular around here and you are evidently regarded as a friend of theirs."

A Sentiment Disapproved.
"I noted," said Senator Sorghum, "that when my political rival stepped on the platform you struck up 'See the Conquering Hero Come.'"

"Certainly," replied the leader of the band.

"Well, my friend, what I want to say is that while you may be a fine musician, you're a poor prophet."

A Positive Essential.
"Henrietta has decided to give up her job immediately," said Mr. Meek.

"Not any more. Henrietta thinks we ought to make a showing in politics and our apartment hasn't even a fire-scape landing, much less a front porch."

Scientific Suggestion.
"There was only one way the astronomer's wife could get him down from his observatory to look at the bruise on her boy's face."

"How was that?"

"She told him to come quick and take an observation of a spot on the sun."

QUALIFIED.
Parent—Can you support my daughter in the way to which she has been accustomed?

Suitor—Yes, indeed, I live in the biggest and most modest pond around here.

A Tip to Market Tips.
Advice, though it is given free, is not to be taken for granted.

Her Style.
"What sort of a car is that fly away Miss Flurry going to get?"

"I don't know, but the most fitting kind for her would be a runabout."

Realistic.
"Why did you lay the action in your first act in a dental parlor?"

"Because I wanted the scene to have some drawing power."

Not a Healthy Place.
"Better not try any business in this town," said the first highwayman.

"Why not? The pickin's is good," said the second.

"I know; but they've got a judge here who's actually passin' out 15-year stretches."

The Leader.
Willie—Mamma, who is that man with long hair who is waving a stick in front of all those fiddlers?

Mamma—He is the conductor, Willie.

Willie—Oh, is he? Well, where do they keep the motor?

The One Obstacle.
"There is only one good reason that I can see why a woman should not have a say in everything."

"What is that?"

His Fatigue.
"There is no fat in that man's life."

"Is his family quarrelsome?"

"No; he gives singing lessons."

His Mind Still at the Office.
Mrs. De LaSalle (on a pleasure trip with her broker's assistant) points to the glowing sun slowly setting behind the mountain range—See how it's sinking lower and lower—

He—Yes, soon it will be below par.

Her Secret.
Patience—Peggy can't keep a secret.

Patience—Indeed, she can.

"Because I asked her how old she was and she wouldn't tell me."

Could Be Easily Silenced.
Husband—If you were only deaf and dumb, my dear.

Mrs. Nuss—Oh, yes, then I could turn out the light when you got started.

Dressed to Suit.
"Why need that surgeon advertise his business by his dress?"

"Why, does he?"

"No," replied Three-Finger Sam. "You may survive and you may not. All you know is that it is going to be a toss-up."

The Difference.
"Was this depiction of the lights of perfume meant by you to suggest an emotion?"

"No," he said. "It was merely a suggestion."

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WAS HIRED TO SET PLANT ON FIRE

Edmond Cherrix Started the Chincoteague Blaze

MAKES A FULL CONFESSION

His Statement Causes Excitement in the Town, And He Admits He Was Hired Off To The Accomac Jail.

Chincoteague, Va.—At a hearing before a local magistrate, Edmond Cherrix confessed to having set fire to the sea cream manufacturing plant in the destruction of the Atlantic Hotel and numerous other structures, involving a loss estimated at \$50,000. He stated that he had been hired by Boughter to fire the building.</